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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. KAYPER-MENSAH SAYS SMITHSONIAN PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED IN PRICIPAL BUT THAT GHANA PARTICIPATION STILL UNDECIDED BECAUSE OF FINANCES. GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY HAS INFLEXIBLE REGULATION REQUIRING PAYMENT OF PER DIEM TO ANYONE REPRESENTING COUNTRY OFFICIALLY EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE RECEIVING PER DIEM FROM OTHER SOURCE. KAYPER-MENSAH SAYS THIS WOULD MAKE 45 DAY VISIT TOO EXPENSIVE.ASKS IF OFFICIAL PORTION CAN BE CONFIRMED TO WASHINGTON STAY. REQUESTS LETTER STATING THIS AND THAT GHANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR GROUP AFTER FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON.

2. DUE SHARPLY INCREASED COST OF LIVING IN U.S. POST URGES SMITHSONIAN RAISE PER DIEM FOR FESTIVAL PERFORMERS TO GIVE THEM AT LEAST DOLS 10 POCKET MONEY.

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